

Rivertime Players ready to scare up some big laughs

PARSONS, TN – Rehearsals are underway for Rivertime Players' 12th annual Toby Tent Show, *The House on Hainted Hill*. "This is our second Halloween Toby Show," says Rivertime Players Artistic Director Shane Bridges. "Something about being outside, the crisp fall air, crunchy leaves on the ground...it lends itself perfectly to what we do."

Toby and his friends are heading out for a new adventure in *The House on Hainted Hill*. The challenge is to survive the night in Dr. Victor Bubbastein's abode, deep in the darkest of parts of Perry County! *Hainted Hill* features all the characters from the Rivertime Players' 2014 smash hit, *Franken-Toby*, widely considered to have been the best of the Toby shows to date. Dr. Bubbastein and his trusty flunky, *Eye-sore*, have plenty of scares at the ready for Toby and the gang. Who will survive the night? Surprises and starts abound, but, as always, it promises to be a rollicking, laugh filled night appropriate for an audience of all ages. Join us for *The House on Hainted Hill*, if you dare!

Toby shows were part of American folk-theatre touring tent dramas. They began touring in the late 1800s and by

1929 over 700 of these shows were traveling the Midwest and Southeast. "West Tennessee was the Bisbee's Comedians' territory from 1927 until 1964. If you're reading this now, there are people in your community who remember the Bisbee show coming through town. Now only one Toby Show remains, and it is in Parsons," states Mark Tubbs, Rivertime Players Executive Director.

The Parsons Toby Show attracts a thousand people each year, from all over, and it's an easy drive from where you are. Tickets are affordable, and the entertainment is always family friendly. So, take advantage of the crisp fall weather, make a day of it, and take in this hysterical, historical artform under our 45' x 90', 300-seat tent.

The House on Hainted Hill is scheduled to run for six performances: September 28th and 29th, October 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th. The tent opens at 6:30pm and the show will begin at 7:30pm each night. The tent theater will be set up beside the Parsons Municipal Building at 535 Tennessee Avenue South. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 12 and under. For more information, visit www.rivertimeplayers.org or call 731-847-6358.

